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(SF3-00111), ARCHEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS AT STOBI

REFERENCE: A) BELGRADE 2701 B) STATE 117977 C) BELGRADE 2433

1. ATTENTION YORK. SMITHSONIAN APPRECIATES EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING RELEASE PREPAID TICKET ADVICES STOBI PROJECT PARTICIPANTS. AS RESULT EXPERIENCE STOBI TRAVELERS, SMITHSONIAN INFORMING OTHERS SEEK RESERVATIONS THROUGH PAN AMERICAN AND, AS INDICATED PARA 3 REFTEL B), WILL INFORM EMBASSY PRE-CISE DEPARTURE DATE IF POSSIBLE TO ENSURE TIMELY DELIVERY TICKETS TO THE TRAVELERS.

2. UNFORTUNATELY, PREPAID TICKET ADVICES TWO STOBI TRAVELERS, R. KOLARIK AND F.P. HEMANS, DID NOT ARRIVE PRIOR SCHEDULED DEPARTURES AND THEY TRAVELED VIA TWA WHICH ISSUED TICKETS ON EXCEPTIONAL DELAYED PAYMENT BASIS. PAN AM SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED "NON-ENDORSEABLE" PREPAYMENT NOTICES WHICH RETURNED TO BELGRADE WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO CANCEL SINCE FUNDS COULD NOT BE "ENDORSED" TO TWA.

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3. AT SMI SUGGESTION ALL OTHER STOBİ AND SKADAR PROJECTS TRAVELERS SHIFTED RESERVATIONS TO PAN AMERICAN TO MAXIMUM EXTENT FEASIBLE. IT REMAINS POSSIBLE ASK KOLARIK CONSIDER SHIFT TO PAN AMERICAN FOR RETURN TO U.S. MOREOVER, HEMANS MUST PURCHASE RETURN TICKET IN YUGOSLAVIA SO HIS TRAVEL CAN BE SCHEDULED PAN AMERICAN ALSO.

4. USING SMI EFFORT HAVE TRAVEL SHIFTED TO PAN AMERICAN AND RETURN TRAVEL KOLARIK AND HEMANS AS INDUCEMENT, EMBASSY REQUESTED MAKE SPECIAL URGENT REQUEST PAN AM BELGRADE IMMEDIATELY ISSUE PREPAID NOTICES IN FAVOR OF TWA WASHINGTON COVER A) R. KOLARIK IN THE AMOUNT OF 978.00 DOLLARS EQUIVALENT COVER ROUNDTRIP WASHINGTON-BELGRADE AND B) F.P. HEMANS IN THE AMOUNT OF 433.00 DOLLARS COVER ONE WAY NEW YORK CITY-SKOPJE. KISSINGER

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